



My prayers are with the people of Haiti during this difficult time. As you know, thousands are feared dead and many more injured from the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that devastated the already impoverished Caribbean nation on January 12, 2010.

There are about 45,000 Americans in Haiti, and a spokesperson for the American Red Cross estimates that as many as 3 million people may be affected by this earthquake.

According to the U.S. State Department, the American Red Cross is accepting donations for its rescue and relief efforts in Haiti by cell phone. Those interested in donating funds toward this effort can text the message "HAITI" to "90999". A donation of \$10 dollars will immediately go to the American Red Cross and will be charged to your cell phone bill. Please click [here](#) for more information.

For a list of charitable organizations that are accepting donations online for their relief efforts in Haiti, please click [here](#).

For information about the status of U.S. citizens in Haiti, please contact the American Citizens Services at 888-407-47

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